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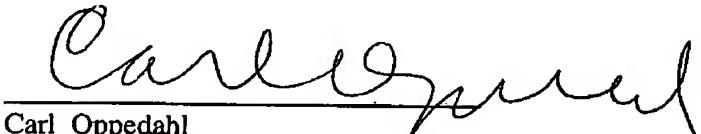
LETTER

Dear Sir:

On March 7, 2005 we received an Office Action for the above-referenced file; however, it did not come from the Patent Office. It came from Ehrlich & Partners Patent Attorneys in Ramat-Gan, Israel. Enclosed was a note stating that the Office Action was sent to them by mistake so they forwarded it on to us.

The date mailed as stated on the Office Action was February 18, 2005. However, obviously since this Office Action was mailed to Israel and back, we have lost valuable time for our response. We request three weeks of additional time for our response based on the fact it was through no fault of our own we were delayed in receiving it.

Respectfully submitted,



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